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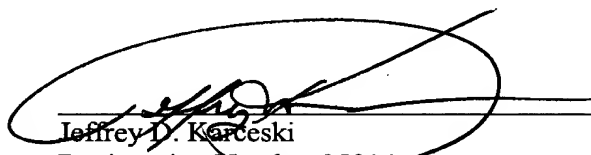
Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the reference listed on the attached PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the reference be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner return an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 to Applicants with the next Office communication to indicate that the reference has been considered, per MPEP § 609.

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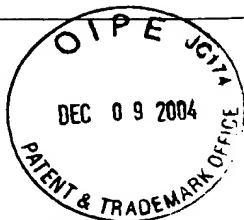
The references were cited in a counterpart foreign application in the attached Japanese Communication (Office Action) issued October 5, 2004, i.e., not more than three months ago. An English language version of the foreign communication is attached for the Examiner's information. Both the Japanese Communication and the English Abstract are relied upon to satisfy the requirement of a statement of relevance for the attached reference.

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